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1. The 75th Motorized Infantry Division arrived in Glola/sic/ (southeast of Mount Aghakhan) on 2/3 Apr 54. There is no information as to where it came from. The 10th Motorized Infantry Regiment, belonging to this division, is stationed at Vani (northeast of Kutais.)
2. An independent motorized artillery brigade has been stationed at Kaspi (east of Gori) since 5 Apr 54.
3. It will probably be possible, eventually, to supply troops in the Caucasus, more or less completely, with materiel of local manufacture, thereby reducing shipments and releasing transport for other purposes. At Fargat (southeast of Dzerzhinsk), a factory releasing military chemical products has been built and will soon be in operation. South-east of Shusha, at Dyg, a factory making spare parts for motorized units has been put into operation. It began work early in April 1954. German specialists are serving as instructors.
4. Packing cases have been arriving at the military depots at Arsankaya (south of Krasnovodsk), since 3 Apr 54. In addition, 68 seven-ton motor trucks have been delivered.
5. At the same time, a new control service for the army in the Caucasus is being set up. Since 15 Mar 54, the Soviet headquarters in the Caucasus has had a special secret service. This is for espionage upon the Caucasus Army itself. The service is directly subordinate to the staff. It has at its disposal five hundred women, all Caucasians and all fanatical Communists. These female agents are used, as need may direct, in various ways, so as to have such espionage contacts as may be desired with men serving in the army. This new espionage service uses the Soviet Army's political services for liaison. It also uses political services in business and industrial enterprises, in the same way. Nevertheless, reports go directly to the staff of the army.

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6. Special lists are drawn up. Names on them are checked against the dossiers kept by the Central Committee of the Party. Communist Party officials who have been guilty of submitting false information are to be prosecuted.
7. In spite of the armed forces, espionage, and the Communist Party, resistance to the Soviet regime continues. The Moslems of the Caucasus especially resent state control over deliveries of cattle. The nomad herdsmen, most of whom are armed, resist vigorously. Numerous cases of combat between these men and the police are reported. Various reports indicate 80 dead and 250 wounded, in April 1954. Military detachments are being sent into the most dangerous areas.
8. Army depots are often the objects of sabotage. On 2 Apr 54, another of them was blown up, this time east of Yerevan. It contained clothing and other supplies. This is believed to be the work of resentful Mohammedans, with the cooperation of other anti-Communist "reactionaries". The usual mass arrests followed the explosion.

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